

Valley Conservation Society



doing nothing is not an option

Public newsletter

We are a non-political organisation

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Traffic calming

Are you concerned about traffic coming through the Loose Valley?

Too much? Too fast?

Twenty-five years ago, the Valley Conservation Society was founded by a group of Valley residents who were worried about speeding traffic.

It was difficult to persuade KCC to take any measures at all, but eventually they did carry out some extra white lining, paint some slow signs, and lay a hazard surface at the junction of Hayle Mill Road with Teasaucer Hill and Bockingford Lane.

Today, nearly all those measures have worn away, and the traffic is as bad as ever, if not worse.

The Society is going to have another go at getting something done – but first we need to know what sort of measures residents would support.

Various ideas have been floated over the years, including making Hayle Mill Road one way, closing the road altogether as a through-route by blocking it off, perhaps at either end of Teasaucer Hill. Putting in a physical width restriction, so as at least to deter HGVs from entering the Valley.

Perhaps we could campaign for a 20mph speed limit, with more warning signs?

Every idea has its supporters - and its opponents. So we would like to hear what you think.

Please email your thoughts to a128smith@btinternet.com and you can help shape our approach. It would be as useful to hear which ideas you would strongly oppose, as those you would support.

If you would like to become actively involved in the campaign, please let us know.

Membership of the Society costs just £2 a year, and an application form is printed overleaf. Please take the completed form to Jonathan Lesson, Membership Secretary, Ridgeways, Cripple Street, Maidstone, ME15 6DN

Thank you for your attention.

Membership Application 2025

Names:

Address:

..... Postcode.....

Email(s) ***please print***

Phone Mobile

Membership is £2 per person per year (50p for 14 to 18-year-olds).

I enclose a cheque/cash for £ (Donations welcome)

Cheques (payable to Valley Conservation Society) or cash can be delivered with your form to:
Jonathan Leeson, Membership Secretary, Ridgeways, Cripple Street, Maidstone, ME15 6DN

**Alternatively, it would assist us if you can pay by setting up a standing order
or bank transfer using the details below.**

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

(please allow at least 14 days to start date for bank processing)

To: **The Manager**, (add name and address of your bank/building society)

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Name(s) of Account Holders

Account Number: Sort Code:

Please pay:

Lloyds Bank plc, Week Street, Maidstone (309537) Branch, PO Box 1000, Box BX1 1LT

For the credit of: **Valley Conservation Society**

Account Number: **02166853** Sort Code: **30 95 37**

The sum of £ starting on2025

and thereafter on 1st day of January every year until further notice.

Signature(s) Date:

Please email - VCSMembership@btinternet.com with your name and address if you choose this option

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